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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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REMARKS

The above-listed documents were cited in an official communication from the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding European patent application. A copy of a Search Report indicating how those references are deemed

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

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information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C.

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